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Greetings East Orange School District Parents and Guardians,

We hope that this letter finds you and your family safe, sound, and in good spirits! We also hope that you had a wonderful summer! In 2019, Governor Phil Murphy signed legislation mandating the following:

“A board of education shall include instruction on the political, economic, and social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of middle school and high school students as part of the district’s implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.”

During the 2020-2021 school year, every school in the state of New Jersey is expected to infuse within their curricula the political, economic, and social contributions of LGBTQ individuals. In accordance with this act, the East Orange School District has created a curriculum resource guide, which consists of instructional materials including but not limited to books, documents, and lesson plans for teachers of scholars in grades 6-12.

***"Developing Leaders One Student at a Time"***

During the 2020-2021 school year, middle and high school Social Studies teachers will utilize this guide as a reference during regular instructional time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this mandate, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [s.richardson@eastorange.k12.nj.us](mailto:s.richardson@eastorange.k12.nj.us).

We thank you for your support as we seek to create engaging, empowering, and inclusive learning experiences for your child (ren). May we continue to collaborate and have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

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